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 # Amarinder's party has a symbol
The Amarinder Singh-led Punjab Lok Congress on Monday unveiled its party symbol — 'Hockey Stick and Ball'

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5-10% cases requiring hospitalisation: Centre

But situation can change, so states told to keep a watch

#NEW DELHI

Five to 10 per cent of the active Covid cases this time so far needed hospitalisation but the situation is dynamic and may change rapidly, the Centre said on Monday and asked states to keep a watch on cases under home isolation and in hospitals.

During the second surge of Covid infections in the country, the percentage of active cases that needed hospital care were in the range of 20-23 per cent, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said in a letter to states and Union territories.

The rise in covid-19 cases in various parts of the country appears to be driven by the Omicron variant as well as by the continued presence of Delta, he said and stressed on augmenting human resources, particularly healthcare workers, for Covid management.

"In the present surge, five to 10 per cent of active cases needed hospitalisation so far. The situation is dynamic and evolving. Therefore, the need for hospitalization may also change rapidly," Bhushan said.

All states and Union Territories are advised to keep a daily watch on the situation of the total number of active cases, cases under home isolation, the number of hospitalized cases, cases on oxygen beds, ICU beds and on ventilatory support, he wrote.

"Based on this monitoring, the requirement of healthcare workers and their availability health facility wise must also be reviewed daily as was done during the second surge," the health secretary said.

Appreciating that while various states and Union Territories initiated steps for the establishment of jumbo health facilities, field hospitals, temporary hospitals among others, Bhushan said both infrastructure and human resources have their limitations.

Therefore, it is important to conserve healthcare workers by initiating staggering wherever possible and by restricting elective procedures in the hospitals, he advised.

A health worker walks inside the Shehnai Banquet Hall, a covid-19 care facility in New Delhi on Monday

It is also important to strictly follow the advisory, issued by the Health Ministry on January 9, for managing healthcare workers in Covid and non-Covid areas of healthcare facilities.

The ministry has suggested states and Union Territories to earmark different categories of beds in private clinical establishments for Covid care.

"It must also be ensured that charges levied by such health facilities are reasonable and there is a mechanism to monitor and initiate action in cases of over-charging if any," Bhushan said in the letter.

He also suggested engaging retired medical professionals or MBBS students for teleconsultation services and providing skill training of community volunteers in basic care and management at Covid Care Centres.

The health secretary also suggested requisition of additional ambulances or private vehicles to improve referral transport and facilitate seamless transfer of covid-19 cases from home isolation or from Covid Care Centres to Covid Dedicated Hospitals.

All district hospitals and medical college hospitals should be used as eSanjeevani teleconsultation hubs. Requisite financial resources for this have already been provided under ECRP-II to states and Union Territories, Bhushan said in the letter. **-PTI**

Rajnath Singh, Nitish Kumar, Nadda test C+

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday tweeted that he has tested positive for covid with mild symptoms. The BJP leader is currently in home quarantine. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar tested covid-19 positive and is currently under home isolation on doctor's advice. BJP president J P Nadda also said that he has tested positive for covid and is in isolation.

MHA seeks time to frame rules under CAA

#NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has approached the parliamentary committees seeking more time for framing rules under the CAA through which the Modi government wants to grant Indian nationality to non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, officials said Monday.

The Citizenship Amendment Act was passed by Parliament on December 11, 2019 and the Presidential nod was received the next day. Subsequently, it was notified by the home ministry.

However, the law is yet to be implemented as rules under the CAA are yet to be framed.

According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation should have been framed within six months of presidential assent or seek extension from the Committees on Subordinate Legislation, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Since, the home ministry could not frame rules within six months of the enactment of the CAA, it sought time for the committees -- first in June 2020 and then four more times.

India witnessed several protests against CAA/NRC

The fifth extension came to an end on Monday.

"We have approached the parliamentary committees seeking more time. Hopefully, we will get the extension," a home ministry official told PTI.

The Central government has already made it clear that the Indian citizenship to the eligible beneficiaries of the CAA will be given only after rules under the legislation are notified.

The objective of the CAA is to grant Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities like Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. **-PTI**

PM security breach: SC to set up panel led by ex-judge

The Supreme Court Monday said it would set up a panel headed by its former judge to probe the security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Punjab and stayed the parallel inquiries by committees of the Centre and the state government into the lapses.

Stressing that the apex court was not "undermining the importance of the security of the Prime Minister" and dealing it with "all seriousness", a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N V Ramana said that the separate inquiries by panels set by the Centre and the state government will be stayed.

The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta about the time frame within which the court-appointed panel should give the report and said it will keep this aspect in mind.The top court was hearing the plea of an organisation, Lawyers Voice, seeking a thorough investigation into the breach in Modi's security in Punjab to ensure there is no such incident in the future.

On January 5, the PM's convoy was stranded on a flyover due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur after which he returned from poll-bound Punjab without attending any event. **-PTI**

Pandya is all set to be Ahmedabad IPL franchise skipper

#NEW DELHI

The CVC-owned Ahmedabad franchise will be appointing senior India all-rounder Hardik Pandya as captain for its maiden season in the Indian Premier League, for which it has got the all-clear from the BCCI.

One of the world's leading venture capitalists, who bought the Ahmedabad IPL team for INR 5,625 crore, the owners had to wait longer for the BCCI to give them the Letter of Intent as legal vetting was required.

SPORTS

The delay in getting the green light was due to CVC's investments in betting firms in Europe and although they have no such operations in India where betting is illegal, the country's cricket board wanted to be sure about the legal ramifications before giving them the go-ahead.

"Yes, Ahmedabad franchise has received their Letter of Intent. However, they have been doing their back-room work for some time as it's a huge process. As far as we know, Hardik has been zeroed in on as the captain of the franchise," a senior IPL source told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

The two new franchises (Lucknow being the other) have the right to choose three players (two Indian and one foreigner) from the pool of available players as part of the draft pick before the mega auction.

All-rounder Hardik Pandya will lead Ahmedabad in its debut

"Hardik with his local connect and being a proven IPL performer for Mumbai Indians for so long was an obvious choice as captain and premier player.

"The franchise has almost finalised its deal with Afghan spin sensation Rashid Khan and dashing keeper-batter Ishan Kishan as their second and third picks from the draft. As of now, that's what is finalised unless there are changes at the last moment," the source said.

The Ahmedabad franchise has already appointed Ashish Nehra as its head coach along with Vikram Solanki as director of cricket and Gary Kirsten as team mentor.

This year's tournament will be sort of a comeback trail for Hardik, who has been out of favour since the completion of the ICC T20 World Cup, where India were knocked out in the league phase.

The main contention has been his bowling as he hasn't been the same potent, skiddy fourth seamer in the line-up that he used to be before his back surgery and, of late, he hasn't bowled much even in white ball cricket.

It is now accepted that Pandya in order to prolong his white ball career might not play the longer version for India again but for the white ball team, he remains a vital cog going into this year's World T20 in Australia. **-PTI**

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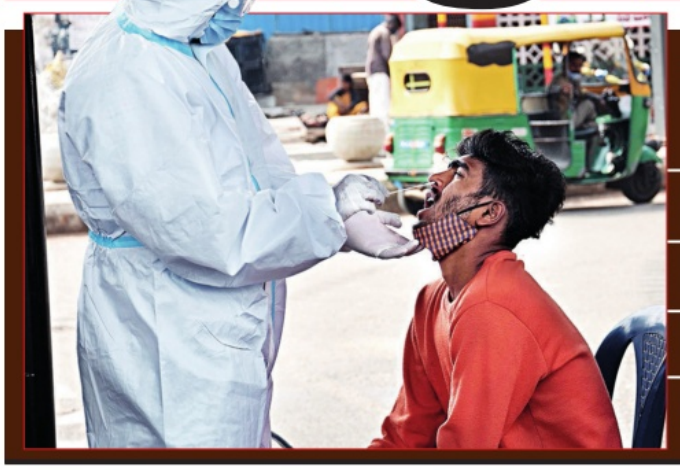

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Why construction and demolition waste is piling up across Bengaluru as extensive public and private infra works progress unabated

CITY DOESN'T HAVE A CONCRETE PLAN

Just 20% C&D debris being recycled

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According to the official estimate of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste generated daily in Bengaluru amounts to approximately 875 tonnes — a gross underestimation considering extensive development work undertaken by government agencies and private developers.

Just about 20% of the aforementioned trash is reaching the only C&D waste processing unit located in the city. Rajesh Korah, co-owner of Rock Crystal, Bengaluru's only fully functional C&D waste recycling plant, with a capacity of 1,000 tonnes a day, said the facility, on an average, receives about 100-200 tonnes of waste for recycling. Rock Crystal is functioning at a much lower capacity at the moment.

"We receive around 100 to 200 tonnes of C&D waste every day, most of it from the airport, BBMP sites and a handful of builders.

Looking at the construction boom in the city, this is like a drop in the bucket," Rajesh told BM.

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"Unavailability of land and transportation systems are major concerns... We are in the process of identifying region-wise parcels of land... to dump the C&D waste...

— Harish Kumar, special commissioner, SWM, BBMP

Trace against time

65,693 primary, 32,632 secondary contacts traced in Bengaluru Urban during January 1-10

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The state government has upped its contact tracing programme with the surge in cases of the Omicron variant — in the last 10 days alone, between January 1-10, out of the 48,960 active cases detected in Bengaluru Urban district, over 60,000 plus primary contacts have been traced.

According to data from the state government, 65,693 primary contacts have been traced in Bengaluru Urban during the same period, which is 1.28 primary contacts per patient and 32,632 secondary contacts with 0.64 secondary contacts per patient.

While the state government had stated for every patient 10 contacts per patient need to be tested, contact tracing has been comparatively low in the district. However, officials pointed out that tracing of primary contacts have gone higher after the surge in cases. Meanwhile, it was noted that 42,765 patients had 'nil' contacts.

"The number of cases traced have gone up, and so has the number of testing. With the increase in the number of patients testing positive and their contacts traced, the number of tests conducted has eventually

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Dance, dance, dance

The Attakkalari India Biennial, one of the preeminent contemporary dance festivals to come out of Bengaluru officially launched on January 7, 2022 with Sthavara-Jangama, a dance production presented by the Attakkalari Dance Company. The first part of Platform 22 will feature full-length, original choreographies by Priyabrat Panigrahi and Sanjukta Sinha who were finalists of this talent incubator programme. Owing to the new curfew restrictions, most live events will now be held during weekdays and in a few instances, online.

Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: Jan 11, 7:30pm
Tickets: Rs 250, attakkalari.org/www.bookmyshow.com/www.insider.in

02 Stories of the Land

KYNKYNY.com's latest virtual exhibition, 'Stories of the Land', celebrates the sublime sights, sounds and landscapes of rural India, meandering through tranquil hamlets, lush green fields and the lively markets and temples in the countryside. Featuring two prominent and well-loved contemporary artists, Mohan Naik and Sivabalan, the richly expressive artworks are an ode to the lesser-seen and known rural worlds of Goa and Tamil Nadu. The exhibition documents and celebrates the incandescent natural beauty as well as the rich culture, traditions and everyday sights in the region's villages and towns.
Where: KYNKYNY.com
When: Till Jan 31

03 Sankranti Santhe

Check out the annual Sankranti Santhe at studio Tamaala, J P Nagar. This event features 130 rural and tribal artisans from 39 regions of India, from the Luhars in Kutch to the Woodworkers of Saharanpur to the rural artists from Midnapore to the potters in Cuddalore and the miniature makers from Mysore.
Where: Studio Tamaala, JP Nagar
When: Till Jan 15, 11 am–8 pm, all days
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Aspiring medicos want exams to be postponed

Final-year MBBS students say online classes and Covid duty has hampered their academics

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Final-year MBBS students slated to sit for exams in February want their papers to be postponed, citing Covid and a lack of preparation time.

The students pursuing their medical courses at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) demanded that their final-year exams which are scheduled to start on February 22 be postponed.

The students stated that the RGUHS should postpone the exams by two weeks, at least. Many of the doctors are now busy with Covid teleconsultations, and say they are not getting enough time to study for their exams.

The National Students Union of India, had written to the vice-chancellor of RGUHS asking for postponement of the exams early in December. "During the pandemic, educational institutions were shut for a long period of time and in order to contain the spread of virus, classes were conducted virtually, which has hampered the learning process of students. Many are now even being put into the covid care centres to keep the asymptomatic patients," said Sanjay Raj, State Secretary, RGUHS in-charge.

A final-year MBBS student from Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) said: "The academic year began during May 2021 and final exams were scheduled for February which is less than a year of academics. There were online classes till July 2021 which added to the lag. Also significant is the lack of clinical postings during that period. The final-year students were assigned to telecommunication duty for around two months this year (by RGUHS)."

Students say that many are busy with covid tele-consultations, adding to their lack of time for prepping

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The students also added that most of syllabus hasn't been completed yet. "The final exams scheduled during February mid-week will leave hardly two and a half months which will be spent by colleges trying to cover the syllabus and rushing with postings to compensate for the loss. Needless to say, this is a burden on students, leading to mental stress and pressure. Covid duty was of integral importance during this period, which further hindered time for academic work," said the student from GIMS.

Another final-year MBBS student from Sapthagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre Course said: "Less clinical exposure due to Covid won't help us in complementing theory. If one fails this exam, we will have to pay a huge sum of money to write the supplementary exams, so we cannot take the risk."

The students also pointed out that some students have gone back to their home and were finding it difficult to come back now.

No one can force me to get tested: DKS

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Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar who is leading the Mekedatu padayatra has refused to take a Covid test, saying he had no symptoms, leading to a war of words between the Congress and BJP. He also accused the BJP government of conspiring to create fake Covid tests and numbers.

On Sunday night, the Ramanagar district administration sent the local officials requesting him to get tested. "No one can force me to take the test. You tell your health minister to get tested. See, I am perfect. I have walked for 15 km and I am perfectly fit and fine," he said.

He further added, "Are there any deaths here due to Covid-19? You have brought the rule only to stop our programme. I am accompanied by Mallikarjuna Kharge, Siddaramaiah, DK Suresh, and 100 legislators along with the heads of the mutts. Arrest all of us and file a case."

DK Shivakumar at the Mekedatu padayatra

Local police on Monday registered an FIR against 30 people including DK Shivakumar, leader of opposition Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders for violating Covid-19 protocols during Congress' Mekedatu padayatra. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that the Ramanagara district administration has taken action as per law.

With the State Government facing flak from the public for allowing a padayatra while making strict covid rules affecting the common man, Chief Minister Bommai said that action would be taken against anyone who violated the Covid rules.

"The government is concerned about the health of those who are participating in Mekedatu padayatra. It is the duty of the health department to check the health condition of those who go for the long walk, Bommai said, and urged participants to cooperate. "Whoever violates the Covid rules, whether a common man or a big leader, there is no differentiation. Action will be taken in a uniform way according to the law."

He advocated the need for more intense vigil against the spread of Covid. "The state has registered 12,000 Covid cases yesterday, out of which, Bengaluru has accounted for about 9,000. Positivity rate in the state has risen to 6.8 per cent and it is 10 per cent in Bengaluru. Karnataka is in the third spot in the country in Covid cases," he said.

Third wave may peak by Jan-end: IIT prof

India might see the third wave of the Omicron-led Covid-19 peak by the end of January. Delhi and Mumbai specifically might see the wave peak around mid-January with daily cases at around 50,000-60,000 and 30,000 cases (on a seven-day average), IIT Kanpur professor Manindra Agrawal said.

Agrawal leads the government-backed Sutra model which mathematically predicts the spread of the virus. He further said that India might see four to eight lakh cases (seven-day average) by the end of this month.

The Sutra model currently does not have precise data on the ongoing third wave. "Doing prediction for India at the moment is more difficult since the model has not been able to capture the present phase yet," Agrawal tweeted two days ago.

The model has always indicated that the fall would also be sharper in cases of sharper rise in a number of cases - it means the number of cases would fall quickly once the country as a whole and cities reach their respective peaks.

"We will have to wait for three-four days until we can give a more precise prediction (on India's peak)," he said on Sunday. But he appears to be more confident on peak prediction for Delhi and Mumbai which may happen one week from now. "The (Sutra) model has the more precise answer for these two cities," he said.

Booster shots for senior citizens are being administered in the country

"Overall, this wave appears manageable due to low hospitalization rates. Of course, things could change in the next couple of weeks. Also, there may be a localized shortage of beds. So, proper care and planning is warranted," tweeted Agrawal, noting that the bed requirement could peak around 1.5 lakh at all-India level whereas it could be "less than 12,000" in Delhi.

Agrawal sees no direct link between the rise in cases and election rallies. Referring to a study of past elections during the pandemic phase, he said that the election rally was only one of the many things that had caused the wave to spread.

(ET online)

LEAP OF NINE

Cases see a nine-time jump in a week; TPR in B'luru to blame

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For the second day in a row, Bengaluru recorded over 9,000 covid cases. In all, 9,221 cases were recorded on Monday, which are part of the 11,698 cases reported across the state. Covid cases saw a nine-time jump in just one week.

According to the statistics from the BBMP war room, between December 26 and January 1, 3,795 cases were reported in the city. However, between January 2 and 8, the cases jumped to 33,968. One of the main reasons for the big jump is the increase in total positivity rate (TPR). Currently, the TPR in Bengaluru is the highest (12.79 per cent) for the state followed by Mandya with 12.56 per cent and Kodagu 8.24 per cent.

Fewer hospitalisations

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said though Bengaluru is reporting many cases, hospitalisation is fewer than 100 per day. "This may be due to mutated strain or good coverage of vaccination." Meanwhile, sources said that the beds were filling up faster in private than government hospitals. However, he said that even in private hospitals, patients are mostly requiring general beds.

80 per cent vaccination by Jan-end: CM

After preventive dose of covid vaccination was launched by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday, he said that Karnataka has achieved 100 per cent first dose vaccination and 77 per cent second dose vaccinations. "We want to reach 80 per cent by the end of January and action will be taken to intensify second dose inoculation. Despite facing many challenges in discharging their duties, the ASHA workers, doctors and nurses are the real guardians of the nation," Bommai said.

"Vaccination is the only way to protect ourselves from Covid. India has vaccinated three times more than what the USA has achieved. Covid does not differentiate on the basis of caste," he said.

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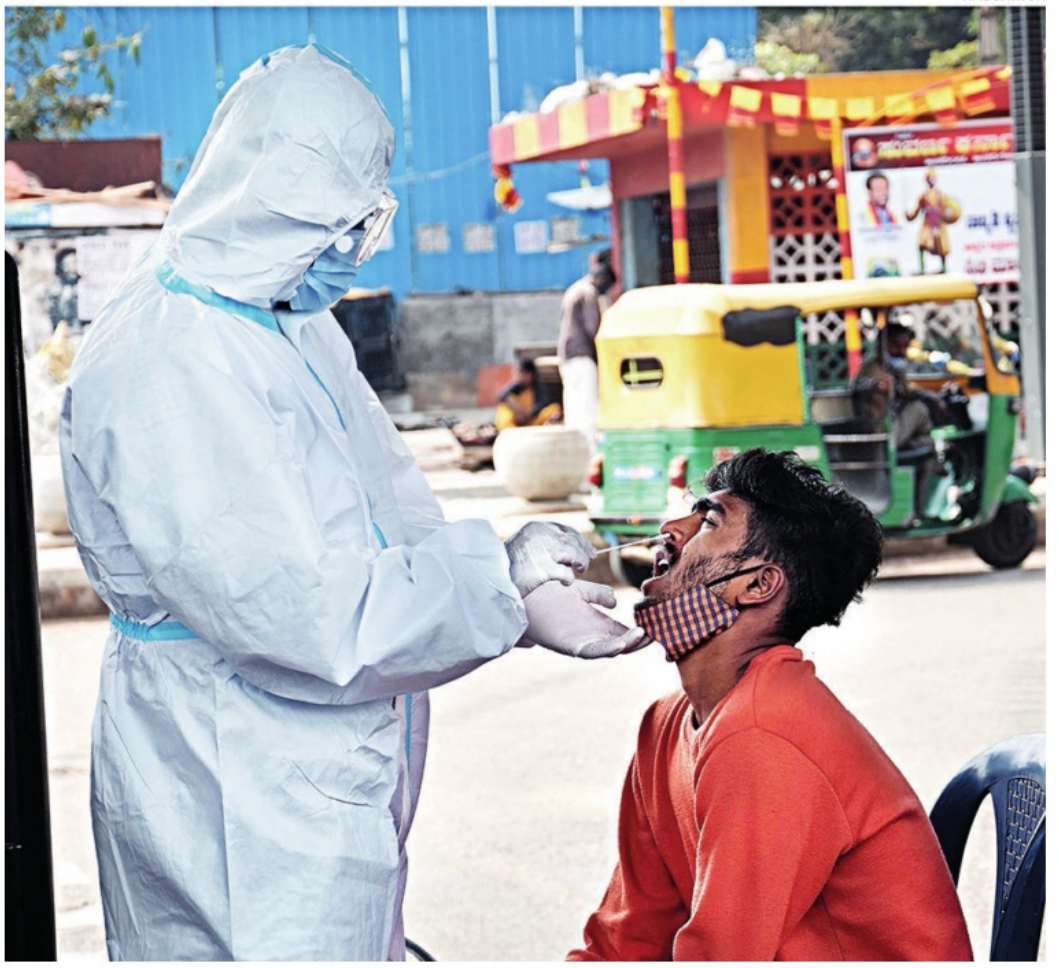
A health worker collects a sample for testing for Covid

CM tests positive

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has tested positive for Covid. "In a tweet, he said, "I have tested positive today with mild symptoms. My health is fine, I am under home quarantine. I request everyone who has recently come into my contact to isolate themselves and get tested."
Recently, CM's close confidante and Revenue Minister R Ashoka had tested positive. Both of them had attended a number of meetings in the recent past. Earlier, Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh had also tested positive. All three are said to be stable.

146 new Omicron cases

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that 146 more cases of Omicron variant of covid-19 have been detected in the state. This takes the state's tally of Omicron cases to 476. "The overall tally in Karnataka stands at 479," Sudhakar posted on Twitter.

> **We want to reach 80 per cent by the end of January, and action will be taken to intensify second dose inoculation**
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> - Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Pankaj Advani tests positive

Ace cueist Pankaj Advani has tested positive for Covid-19.

"Despite taking all precautions, I ended up getting infected; I have never experienced this kind of shivering and thought of testing myself and the results were positive. "It's my humble request to everyone that please stay safe and don't take unnecessary risks. These are tough times for all of us. Hopefully, I'll recover in a week," Advani tweeted in a statement.

Advani, who won the 64th National Billiards Championship recently in Bhopal, was preparing to compete in the upcoming international tournament, the IBSF World Snooker Championship that was originally scheduled to take place in January. But, the rising cases of Omicron have resulted in the championship being postponed to March 2022.

68 girls Covid+ in Belagavi hostel

As many as 68 girl students on Monday tested positive for Covid-19 at Kitturu Channamma Sainik Residential hostel in Belagavi. Ten staff members have also tested positive, raising concerns among parents and district authorities.

Two days earlier, a few students had developed symptoms of fever. The health authorities conducted RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on 102 students. Of these 12 girls tested positive then and on Monday, 68 more students also tested positive.

As many as 90 positive cases have been reported from the residential school. The residential hostel with more than 600 students and authorities have not yet sealed down the campus, according to sources.

The students from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and other states are staying at the hostel. Meanwhile, four schools have been closed down following detection of 21 new Covid cases, including four teachers in Hubballi city in north Karnataka in the last 24 hours.

All of them are home-quarantined and treated. None of the patients developed severe symptoms. The primary and secondary contacts of the Covid positive patients are being tracked.

-IANS

‘There are no parks here’

Those living in Vasantha Vallabha Nagar were promised a park in 2019 but the Palike is yet to begin works to construct it, they say

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A pic of the empty site the locals have been eyeing to fulfill their dream

Residents of Vasantha Vallabha Nagar really miss having a park in their area and have been wistfully eyeing and unused BWSSB land in their locality to construct one. A park was promised to them a long time ago and was sanctioned in 2019, but there is no sign of it yet.

Please note, a Cauvery pipeline delivering water to the entire city runs through this layout. This pipeline, while it is a blessing for the city, has been inconvenient for the residents of this locality. It is know that they were unable to get an asphalted road due to the presence of the pipeline. BWSSB had objected to the construction of an asphalted road stating that the pipeline was too fragile to endure such work.

At the time, the residents had approached the High Court stating that the water board has constructed roads along the pipeline on the stretch between Kaduguni and Bengaluru. BWSSB had to allow the construction of the road following a notice from the court. So, the stretch between Uttarahalli Main Road and ISKON was asphalted in 2018.

But this wasn't their sole problem. Authorities concerned had neglected to clear up the stretch for a period of time, during which, both sides along the pipeline were occupied by heavy vehicles and dumps of debris from construction works. Therefore, residents had reached out to BWSSB, stating the posed danger to the pipeline, and asked the authorities to fence the area. Following this, a tender worth Rs 74 lakh was sanctioned for the works. During this time, the resident spotted an opportunity — the possibility of constructing a park for their locality.

As the area lacked a public park, residents had to visit nearby locations like Ilyas Nagar if they wanted to enjoy such a facility.

“In 1882, a park was constructed in Ilyas Nagar along the pipeline. I documented the park and approached the officials to construct a park on the vacant land in our area. In November 2018, the Superintendent of Horticulture, BBMP, Bommanhalli Zone, requested the then Executive Engineer (Project) to take up works, such as the erection of a fence and formation of a pathway on the sanctioned site... All works needed to develop a park,” said retired ACP Gachhinakatti.

Residents told this reporter that that BBMP Executive Engineer (Project) was silent regarding the issue until June 2019. But due to the intervening of the Vasant Vallabha Nagar Residents Association, BBMP requested BWSSB to hand over the land for the park.

> **“Many senior citizens and children reside here... Our kids are forced to play on roads due to the absence of adequate facilities**
>
> –Sanjeev Rao, resident

Later, the BWSSB Chief Engineer (Cauvery) accorded conditional NOC for the development of the park. However, residents said that even after almost three years, a park is yet to be seen in this layout.

BBMP has not started the work despite the Horticulture Department obtaining the Job Code for the development of the park. Further, the residents pointed out that they have approached multiple officials including the chief minister but in vain. They noted, wistfully, that similar parks have cropped up along pipelines in nearby areas during this period.

“Many senior citizens and children reside in this area. We don't have a single park for them to go to for walks. Children are forced to play on the roads due to the absence of adequate facilities. This (the vacant site) is the perfect place to build a park,” said Sanjeev Rao, who has been a resident of this locality for six years now.

BDA to upload info on site, beat fraud

Official says data on 15,000 sites added, rest to be done in stages

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Those looking to purchase BDA sites are often targeted by fraudsters. However, things are looking up now as the development authority is working on providing information regarding their sites on the official website now.

The authority is adding a new link to its official website to let interested buyers access significant information to protect their interests. Through this link, potential buyers from all over India can have access to all the information about the proposed site. This includes information of the sites available Anjanapura Layout, Banashankari, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, Arkavathy Layout, Koramangala, Shivarama Karantha Layout, among others.

BDA is planning to establish an agreement with the sub-registrar office to upload the details of registration immediately. When a keen buyer registers for a site, information will be made available to them immediately. Prior registrations on the same site will also be reflected on the website. This will protect buyers from being cheated.

Earlier, if anyone wanted to know such information about any site, they would have to obtain an Encumbrance Certificate (EC). However, now, as soon as the planned system is in place, customers can click on the site they are interested in to get the information of the owners of the four directions, who purchased it earlier, when and other details. It will also provide any legal disputes concerning the site.

> **Fraudsters often create duplicate documents, sell them to multiple parties. The new system hopes to squash such plans**

Hundreds of cheating cases, involving buying and selling of BDA sites, are reported. In many cases the fraudsters have created duplicate documents and sold them to many parties. Some victims think that they are the owners, but later discover that the site was sold to someone else years back. Some fraudsters specifically identify vacant sites, create duplicate documents and sell them. Once the new system is in place, it will help reduce the number of such illegal transactions.

A BDA official said, “We have added the information about the sites under the jurisdiction of the BDA. We have already uploaded the information on 15,000 sites. The remaining information will be added stage by stage. This will help protect more people from being cheated as the information is available in a transparent manner.”

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The sidewalk near the bus stop is missing a few slabs. This is dangerous for pedestrians.

What a waste
Fraser Town

Folks have been dumping garbage on this spot on Wheeler Road for a while, now, a resident told BM.

On the fence
Fraser Town

“The authorities concerned have been working on Coles Road forever,” a resident said. “But they don't seem to care about our safety. This footpath near Polar Bear is completely dug up and they have not placed a single barricade to prevent falls,” she added.

Green filter to detox crops

IISc team awarded for developing eco-friendly filter for chemical fertilisers

Poisoning by organophosphates found in pesticides can lead to acute health problems such as hyperactivity, lethargy and cancer

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A team from Indian Institute of Science (IISc) recently won the International Genetically Engineered (iGEM) competition for developing an 'eco-friendly' filter, which can be used to remove harmful chemical compounds found in insecticides.

The bacterial cellulose-based filter, CellOPHane, is designed to combat organophosphate, a harmful compound found in pesticides. "CellOPHane employs a bacterial cellulose sheet coated with enzymes that breaks down organophosphates into harmless products. Besides this, CellOPHane is all about a modular plug-n-play filter, which can be used as a platform to design other enzyme-based bioremediation strategies without any changes in the basic structure," said Sukriyo Chakraborty, team leader of iGEM team at IISc.

Organophosphates in the pesticides kill insect and pests by acting as potent neurotoxins and inhibiting the normal functioning of the nervous system. Although these chemical compounds degrade under natural conditions, their residues are often detected in soil, sediments and water, as it seeps into the water bodies through agricultural run-off.

The neurotoxic activity of organophosphates is not limited to pests. Once consumed by humans or other animals unintentionally through food and water, they exert similar effects on the human nervous system. This poisoning by organophosphates can lead to acute health problems such as hyperactivity, lethargy and even cancer.

The team decided to take up this project due to its harmful health impacts and prevalence in many agricultural products such as tea, sugars, vegetables, and fruits throughout India. "We were looking at a project that will have synthetic biology approaches and we wanted to alleviate the problem of organophosphate poisoning. While organophosphate toxicity has been exceedingly alarming, other chemical or biological methods to filter such harmful compounds are either highly expensive or are not feasible to implement at large scale. Project CellOPHane was aimed at addressing this void in efforts to tackle organophosphate pollution by creating a novel and eco-friendly filter," said Sukriyo.

> **CellOPHane can be used to design enzyme-based bioremediation strategies without any changes in the basic structure**
>
> –Sukriyo Chakroborty, IISc

When organophosphate laden water passes through the micro diameter channels of the filter, it gets degraded into much less harmful compounds. These compounds can then be converted into naiver forms. With further marginal treatment, the resultant compounds can be converted into fertilisers.

The team believes that CellOPHane will not only be effective but will also be friendly to nature and biodiversity. This eco-friendly filter can be used in natural reserves, natural aqua parks, water tanks or other water bodies also where maintaining water quality, as well as biodiversity, is a priority. It is believed that the filter might also find application in the medical field. Since it can filter organophosphate, it can be used in the hemodialysis machines to treat patients who self-harm using this chemical.

Road rage: Patient's kin assault man

Victim, ambulance driver halt to settle issue when family of four become violent

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A family of four allegedly attacked a man after the ambulance that was ferrying them collided with the latter's car. The man, a BBMP employee, lodged a complaint with the HSR Layout police against two men and two women, who are absconding.

Nandish (name changed), a resident of Begur main road, sustained injuries on his head, face and body and is currently recovering. He told BM, "Around 7:15 pm on January 3, I was returning home after work when the ambulance which was coming from the opposite direction collided with my car. Both the vehicles were damaged. The ambulance driver and I parked our vehicles on the roadside to settle the issue. I had no intention of delaying them. Meanwhile, the family members of the patient, who was being taken for stomach scan, got down and picked a fight with me. Two men started to assault me, using their hands and then two women also joined them in beating me. The driver tried to stop them, but they were angry for no reason. I kept telling them that I was about to remove my car and they could leave, but they continued to pelt stones. The two men seemed to be drunk."

> **The victim lodged a complaint with the HSR Layout police against two men and two women, who are absconding**

Nandish said that they picked up an iron rod and broke his car window glass and attacked him on his head. "They hit me on my temple and it started to bleed. It was very close to my eyes, I had to get six stitches and I would have lost my sight. The public came to help and sorted the fight. After getting treated for the injuries, I filed a complaint with the police," he said.

A senior police officer said that they traced the driver but since he had no active involvement in the case, they let him go based on the complainant's statement. "The family is absconding and we are trying to trace them. They were going to a scanning center for a regular scan and it was not an emergency case for the family to react that violently," he said.

A case has been registered in HSR Layout police station and investigations are underway.

CRIME FILES

Man held for duping 26 women

The Cyber Crime Police have arrested a person for allegedly cheating 26 women on the pretext of marriage.

The accused used matrimonial sites to find his victims. He landed in prison after attempting to dupe a woman who works in the police department.

The accused has been identified as Jai Bheem Vittal Padukoti (33), a resident of Vijayapura. The police seized a luxury car from his possession besides freezing his bank accounts.

The accused was working for Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (Hescom) as a lineman after the death of his father. He was married to one Kavitha in 2013 and reportedly killed her following a quarrel. He was imprisoned for two years for this.

Coming out of the prison after securing bail, he resorted to cheating women on the pretext of marrying them to lead a luxurious life.

The accused had cheated women in Shivamogga, Haveri, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Dharwad, Hubballi, Yadgir and Raichur districts. He had also taken Rs 21.30 lakh from the victims. After observing his moves, the victim grew suspicious and informed the police. **— IANS**

6 killed as lorry topples on to cars

Six people were killed and 10 people were injured near Kumbalgodu on the outskirts of the city after a lorry driver lost control over the wheels and toppled on to two cars and a bike.

All the vehicles were on their way towards Mysuru from Bengaluru when the accident took place on Monday night.

The deceased are yet to be identified.

The six people — two women, three men and a 14-year-old boy — were killed on the spot.

Police said that the accident took place when the lorry driver was trying to negotiate a bad stretch of the road and lost control over the vehicle in the process.

It toppled to its left side. The lorry was carrying gravel stones which fell on the road and led to a series of accidents. Two cars were crushed under the lorry while the biker fell under the gravel stones and died.

Kumbalgodu Police have taken up a case and are investigating.

IN BRIEF

Bidding goodbye to Champa

The final rites of renowned Kannada writer and literary critic professor Chandrashekar Patil, popularly known as Champa, would be performed with police honour, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday.

Bommai told reporters,"Our popular 'Champa' has left us. His writings with independent thought were sharp. He used to hold a mirror to the system through his insightful presentation of issues."

Bommai said, "Champa's contributions to Kannada literature are immense. He fought for the supremacy of the language of the land all through."

Chandrashekar Patil (83) passed away on Monday in Bengaluru owing to age-related ailments. He was a well-known poet, playwright and intellectual who wrote in Kannada. He is considered as one of the foremost voices of the Bandaya movement. **— IANS**

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Junkyard groove: C&D waste fiasco

C&D waste can be seen strewn across the city in plain sight - for instance, dumped illegally on the lake beds. The civic body has collected Rs 10 lakh in fine in 2021 for violation of the Centre's Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016.

"There is no denial that the illegal dumping of C&D waste is happening. Last year alone, we had 135 incidents of illegal dumping across the zones, with maximum cases from RR Nagar, Yelahanka and Mahadevpura. Although we have deployed marshals across the city to keep it in check, miscreants dump the debris in early-morning or late-night hours," said Harish Kumar, special commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP.

Lack of space

According to the BBMP, the biggest hurdle in managing the C&D debris is the lack of space in or around the core zone of the city. Officials said that transporting this ponderous waste from construction and demolition sites to the processing plant located in the outskirts is economically inviable.

"Processing capacity is not the issue. The unavailability of land and transportation systems are the major concerns. A demolition of a small house in the city centre generates enough waste and makes it economically impractical to transport it to the processing plant located in North Bengaluru. We are in the process of identifying region-wise parcels of land wherein we allow people to dump the C&D waste and then have the processing unit carry the waste to the processing plant," said Harish Kumar, adding that two more C&D processing plants are on the anvil. Experts agreed.

"A mechanism to collect and transport C&D waste is missing. There should be at least one aggregation centre (dumping site) for every three to four wards to make the system economically viable. Moreover, reuse of recycled material in mainstream construction should be promoted," said Ram Prasad, co-founder of the proactive citizens' group, Friends of Lakes.

Wetlands at stake

It is no secret that many lakes in the city have become C&D waste dumping grounds. According to Dr TV Ramachandra, director, Centre for Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science, wetlands are taking the brunt of this systemic failure.

"The rule should have been implemented in its true spirit. Due to a deliberate gap in the system, the waste is being dumped on lake beds and in stormwater drains, creating a plethora of problems. This is leading to blockage of the lake connectivity network, resulting in floods. It is also reducing the storage capacity of the lakes. This year, we received 15 TMC of water through rainfall, but we have less than 1 TMC of water in the city's lakes. The Bellandur-Varthur catchment is supposed to store 5 TMC of water, but only a fraction of it is flowing in," said Dr Ramachandra.

Zone	No. of cases	Penalty (in Rupees)
East	3	15,000
West	2	5,500
South	5	80,000
Mahadevapura	18	52,000
RR Nagar	62	7,25,000
Yelahanka	31	1,10,000
Dasarahalli	4	10,000
Bommanahalli	10	50,000

Abysmal awareness

While a few are aware of the right place to dump C&D debris, not many know it can be recycled and reused. BM reached out to a handful of private construction companies regarding the C&D processing centres and waste management, only to discover a total lack of knowledge.

"I am unaware of any such recycling facility in the city. I did not know C&D waste has to be recycled and can be reused. The waste generated at our project sites is picked up and dropped on waste or unused lands on the city's outskirts," said the CEO of a city-based construction company.

While the Centre's Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016, mandates the use of recycled material, few seem to be taking this route.

"Today's engineers and architects do not trust the structural integrity of an edifice constructed from recycled C&D waste. Secondly, they also do not know where to source it from. C&D waste is not readily available. Buildings are demolished regularly, but there is no monitoring of where the waste goes," said Chitra Vishwanath, a Bengaluru-based architect who procures recycled C&D waste from Rock Crystal for her projects.

Track record: Contract tracing upped

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increased. The contacts of the positive cases are asked to isolate themselves," said a BBMP official.

Over 14,068 staff are deployed to trace contacts in the Bengaluru Urban region. "Teams have been carrying out tracing at a faster pace in order to avoid the spread of infection. Both the primary and secondary contacts are traced and tested immediately, as contact tracing is very important, given the Omicron variant's high transmissibility; testing and isolating patients are critical," said an official from Mahadevapura.

In the 10 days, the state reported 66,469 cases, amongst which 1,42,951 primary contacts and 1,07,606 secondary contacts were traced. The overall percentage per patient in the districts stood at 2.18% for primary contacts and 1.64% for secondary contacts. The total number of staff deployed in the state for contact tracing is 57,957.

Certain districts have traced down a high number of contacts per patient. For instance, Chitradurga district, traced 9.17 primary contacts per patient, out of the 1,284 primary contacts, amongst 220 positive cases.

The secondary contacts of 565 cases were 3.45 contacts per patient. Another district which recorded a high number of contacts is Gadag, with 7.24 primary contacts per patient traced out of the 565 primary contacts and 6.90 secondary contacts per patient traced out of 538 secondary contacts. Highest was reported in the Udupi district with 16.45 primary contacts per patient traced and 15.48 secondary contacts traced per patient.

"We have many patients coming from different districts who test positive for the coronavirus. It is essential for us to trace their contacts, so that the virus does not spread further. High number of testing and isolating the contacts help in curbing the spread," a health official from Chitradurga district said.

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am 57 and have diabetes that is under control. But I am unable to hold an erection for more than 30-40 seconds. Sometimes I succeed in penetrating, sometimes I don't. My wife is conservative and unwilling to try different positions. As she suffers from back ache, spondylosis and has a problem lifting her legs, our efforts are not always successful. When I see porn videos in which men perform for 10 minutes and more in different positions I feel sad and wonder if I am normal. My erection is probably 5 inches long and when it collapses it's 4 inches or less. Also I wonder if it's true that a man can penetrate thrice in three different positions without ejaculating. I have been eating watermelon, honey with garlic and also taking Shilajit to improve my staying power. Am I on the right track? What do you suggest?

At your age, be happy with what you have. You can improve both your partner's and your experiences by understanding each other's needs. A sexpert can help by suggesting ways and means, and prescribe medication if necessary.

2 I am 41 years old and my husband is 42. We have been married for 17 years and enjoy a healthy sex life. Of late, my husband's urge to have sex has increased. He feels the need to have intercourse daily or he masturbates to relieve himself. I don't share his appetite for sex and only indulge him twice or thrice a week. Is there a way to reduce his sexual urge?

Why not increase yours? Meanwhile, he should undergo a medical check up, particularly for the prostate and mild urinary infection.

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Vanity fair

Watch out for the red flags in your partner

A narcissist is someone who despises modesty and celebrates vanity. Everything is an inflated and unrealistic mirror of self in narcissism. Life coach Upassna B Singh says every narcissist sees themselves as Godlike, and their deep-seated anxieties and insecurities are obscured by the false notion that they are unique.

The two foundations of narcissism are malignant self-obsession and self-centeredness, in which a person is unconcerned about the wishes, needs, or interests of others. This type of behaviour is associated with personality problems, according to psychologists. The name was derived from the Greek mythology narrative of Narcissus, a child who fell in love with his own reflection, which dates back to at least 8 A.D. This tale was offered by Sigmund Freud as a representation of a self-absorbed person.

Exaggerated ambition, grandiose fantasy, sentiments of entitlement, and exhibitionism have all been used by psychoanalysts and thinkers throughout history to boost a narcissist's self-esteem.

Narcissist a good partner?

On paper, narcissists often have it all–a fantastic career, money, success, and attractiveness. All of these awe-inspiring outward features are said to be important in a long-term partner. However, you should discard this preconceived view because fantasising about such a companion can lead to you being on the wrong side of the story. When you're in a relationship with a narcissist, the dynamics shift more subtly. At first, a narcissist begins "love bombing" - you are showered with constant texts, presents, and compliments, and they exhibit generosity to the core, but it's always about their own gains on the other side of the coin.

They try to control you by withholding your affection and attention. As your relationship with a narcissist spouse progresses, you'll notice some mysterious characteristics and be disillusioned by their sudden change in behaviour. It may come as a shock to you because you had no idea that the charismatic charmer with whom you fell in love had narcissistic personality traits at first. In most cases, the relationship deteriorates and the toxicity level rises.

You might be wondering whether a narcissist can be a decent companion. Unfortunately, "no" is virtually always the response. Because they are self-serving and feel no remorse when they damage their relationship, narcissism is a difficult tendency to change, and this trait makes them difficult to be around.

But what if you're already in a relationship with one? If you find yourself justifying your partner's toxicity and conduct, you are most likely in a narcissistic relationship. You must seek for these undeniable signals that can assist you in uncovering your partner's hidden personality.

Life Coach Singh points out the five signs that should help you spot the red flags:
Take control of the conversation

Although relationships are two-way streets, people have a tendency to guide the conversation back to themselves. They enjoy being the centre of attention and commanding the conversation's focus. They don't pay attention to their partners and are prone to interrupting them in the middle of a conversation to share their own points of view or altogether changing the topic of the conversation, which is heavily focused on them.

Lack of empathy

Narcissism is characterised by a lack of empathy. There is no genuine affection or love. It may be difficult to catch their attention and have them care about your feelings and wants. The urge for self-protection makes narcissists weak, and this builds a barrier between them and their relationship. They lack true compassion when it comes to recognising and considering their partner's sentiments.

They gaslight you

A narcissist uses this method to deceive their partner's perspective of reality. Gaslighting is a type of narcissism in which the person focuses on gaining power over their relationship. Being in a relationship with a narcissist might make you feel insecure, and you may find yourself apologising for things you haven't done.

Superiority complex- A superiority complex is a narcissist's over-inflated ego combined with a drive to disparage or undermine others in order to make oneself feel better. A narcissist will be unconcerned about other people's sentiments. It's a tell-tale sign that your partner is a narcissist if they begin to feel, behave, and speak as though they're superior to you.

—IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Fitness ultimate mantra in covid era

People have grown more aware of the need to have a healthy lifestyle since the coronavirus pandemic. The epidemic presented many challenges to the world, but it also made each individual more accountable for their own health. People are more aware of what they eat and drink, as well as what type of workout they should do and how to maintain a healthy diet.

The ongoing covid pandemic with the importance of health and fitness, is making the industry witness rapid change as demands for health and well-being increase.

Praveen Chirania, Founder, Muscle and Strength India, says a well-balanced diet is necessary, but many diets do not provide significant amounts of essential vitamins and minerals, which can help people who have insufficient dietary sources. As a result, people are now seeking personalised nutrition solutions tailored to their unique lifestyles. Consumers are looking for supplements, vitamins, and minerals to fill in the gaps and to combat the virus and build strong immunity, indicating that they are looking for a well-focused solution for their inactive lifestyle.

Consumers' emphasis on preventative healthcare has also contributed to the sector's rise. During the epidemic, it proved to be a vital line of defence, demonstrating that the dietary supplements industry is a solid economic partner to the people. Immunity-boosting supplements have become popular, resulting in major changes in purchasing patterns and market behaviour.

If the epidemic has taught us anything, it is that physical and mental health will continue to be a top issue for millions of people all over the world for a long time.

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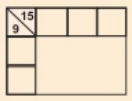
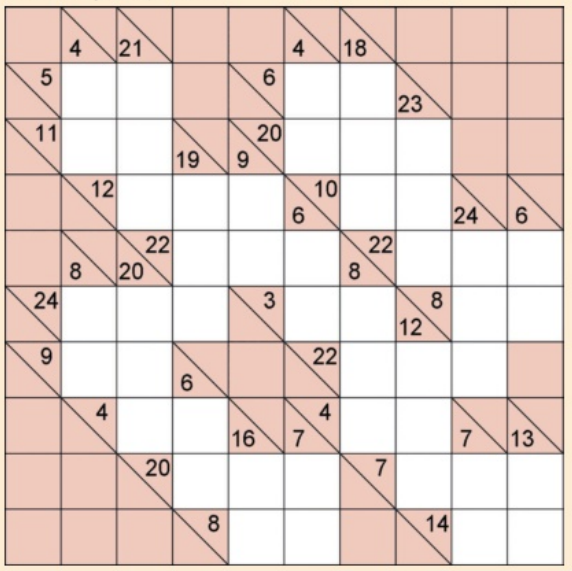
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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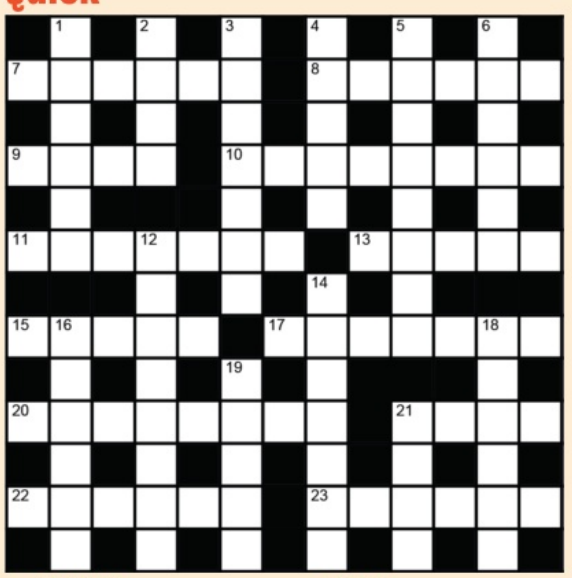

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7 Royal residence (6)
8 Park spanning 300 acres in the Cantonment Area (6)
9 Not this? (4)
10 Type of garment (3-5)
11 Exhales violently (7)
13 Opinions (5)
15 Kickback (5)
17 Nation (7)
20 Republic of East Africa (8)
21 Hyperbolic trigonometric function (4)
22 Grins (6)
23 Former US President ____ Trump (6)

DOWN

1 Batting legend ___ Tendulkar (6)
2 Male deer (4)
3 Indicates or means (7)
4 Played a role (5)
5 Iceland agate (8)
6 Russian capital (6)
12 Steal by fraud (8)
14 In the direction of (7)
16 Kingdoms (6)
18 Former US President ____ Reagan (6)
19 Grind one's teeth (5)
21 Transmit (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G

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If stars would fall every time I think of you, the sky would soon be empty

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Be gentle to all and stern with yourself

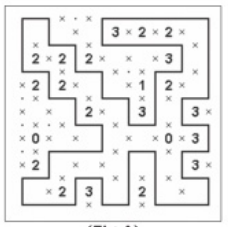
Joke of the day

Five out four people have trouble with fractions

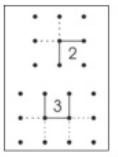
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



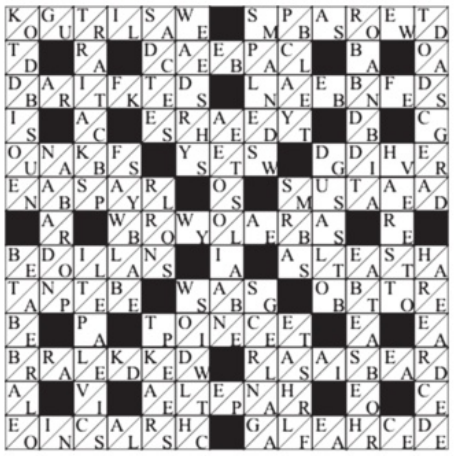
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

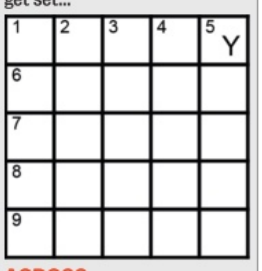
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Sum my; 6 A tale; 7 Eg sad; 8 I acme; 9 Smack

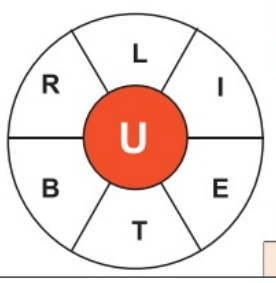
DOWN

1 Dam am; 2 A mule; 3 Gamic; 4 Tacks; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; **16** Good; **18** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6				5				1
9	3						4	2
			1		3			
8	7		5		4		9	3
		6				7		
3	9		2		6		1	8
			7		1			
7	1						8	9
4				2				6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7

2 3 4 6

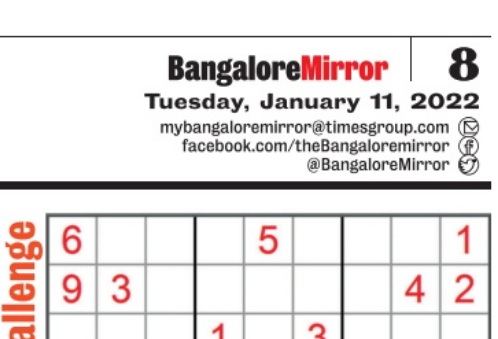
Medium = 2

2 5 5 6

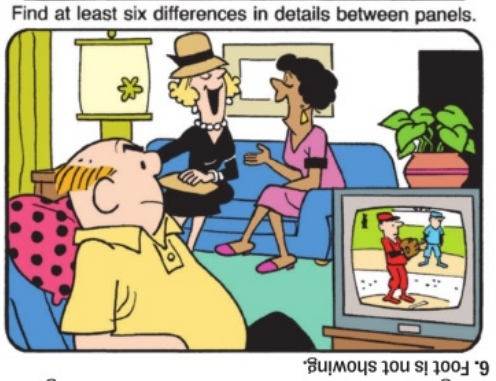
Hard = 2

3 8 9 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



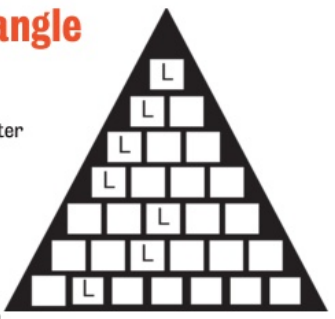
Differences: 1. TV screen is reversed. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Plant is moved. 5. Pillow is missing. 6. Foot is not showing.

Riddler

What does this rebus mean? FAREDCE

Alpha triangle

1 Learner's plate
2 French article
3 Court call
4 Period before Easter
5 Bay opening
6 Sign on
7 Sparkle



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Diamond Lil

SURLI, I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
OK, WHAT ARE YOUR SYMPTOMS?
I MEAN, BESIDES A GROSS, CLAMMY LEFT HAND
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Hart of the city

Crankshaft

USUALLY WE'RE HERE FOR AN EXPLODING GRILL OR A CHIMNEY FIRE.
I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU, MR. CRANKSHAFT... YOU CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO KEEP THINGS FRESH.
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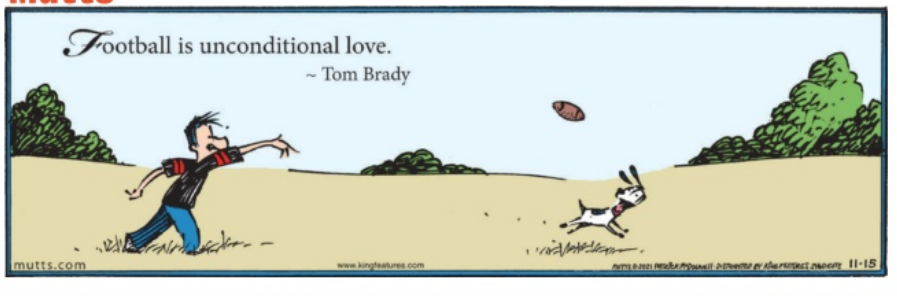
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Any disputes with siblings may get resolved and your relationship with them may improve. Your vital force seems to be good. It may help you to complete a difficult project easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help the needy, which may impact your social status in a good way.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You will feel dissatisfied, lazy and dull, which will affect the speed of your project or work, and cause delay. Lovebirds must postpone making important decisions like marriage. Job seekers may be disappointed in interviews. You may waste precious time on worthless tasks.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may feel dull and lose focus on targets. Your expectations may be very high and may not get fulfilled due to impatience, which may upset you. Be careful on adventurous tour and avoid rash driving. Around afternoon your profits may increase and you may start working with new clients, which may grow your business in the near future.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may control weaknesses after looking within and analysing yourself. This may help your confidence. You may fight evil desires of the flesh like addictions. Singles may find a good match. Lovebirds will gain clarity about their relationship. Expect an opportunity for overseas travel. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
As you regain control over a bad situation, you will begin to feel better. Your network may help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to build domestic harmony and work on your love life. You will use your creativity and bring home artefacts for your family. You may also plan to watch a movie or go out with your family or friends.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel tired due to overworking. This may make you lazy and careless. Be patient. Postpone any adventurous tours. Past investments may turn into dead stock. Students must work hard. You may have to deal with a back ache or suffer from nervous system or lever-related issues and skin problems.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Your creativity is on a high today. You may decide to renovate your home. You may buy some stuff to revamp your house or office, this may help improve your social status. Your bond with your spouse may improve and enhance domestic harmony too. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may settle down now. You may receive good news regarding litigations.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your creativity will be on a high and you may attend an event suitable for it. Money, which was stuck, may get recovered now. Job seekers must update their knowledge. Students must put in more effort in academics .

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may be busy with your children's academics and may plan for their higher studies. Couples may receive good news regarding conceiving a child. You may want to upgrade your skillset and plan for higher studies to gain a promotion in your job. Singles may find their soulmate.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you might want to escape reality and your responsibilities. Investments may incur losses. Read documents carefully before signing them. Elders' health may upset you. You may plan to reconstruct your home, but postpone such work for a while.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may help the needy today. Your act of kindness may boost your reputation in your social circles. You will do your best at work and end up completing a project before time. You may receive some good news from your sibling. Too much work may tire you; avoid stress. Stress can affect both your professional and personal lives. Mediate and fast today.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy in a social event. You may be polite to the people around you, which may help your reputation amongst relatives and friends. You will spend money to buy some artefacts, which will enhance your social status. You may receive good news from a close relative.

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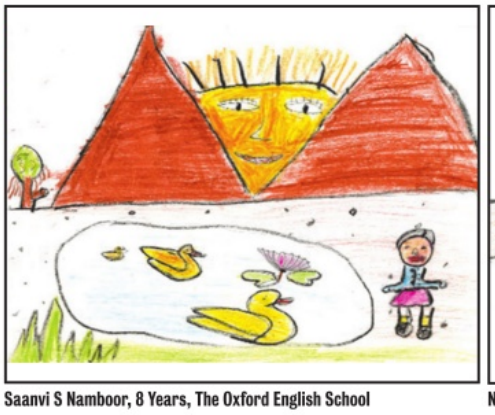

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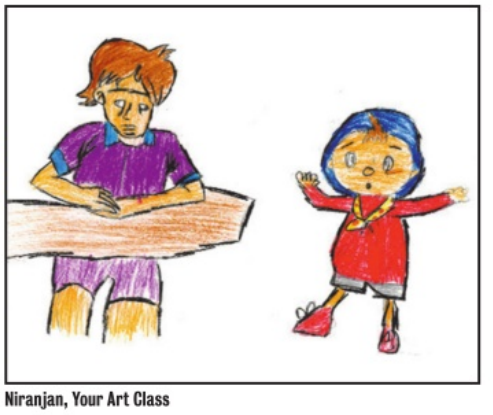

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RIDDLER
Red In the face

BULL'S EYE
blue, blur, blurt, brutt, brut, brute, built, burl, butter, liau, lure, lute, REBUILT, rebut, rule, true, tube, tuber

FAST FIVE

M	U	M	S	Y
A	L	A	T	E
D	E	G	A	S
A	M	I	C	E
M	A	C	K	S

STRIKE OUT

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L	I		A	T	P	A	R		E		E			
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MENSA PUZZLE
E. Using the numerical value of each letter, in each column, the letter equals the sum of the values of the central top and bottom letters.

QUOTE UNCODE
Humour is a rubber sword – it allows you to make a point without drawing blood.

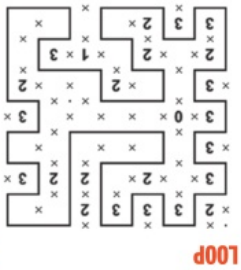
SUDOKU

6	8	7	4	5	2	9	3	1
9	3	1	8	6	7	5	4	2
5	2	4	1	9	3	8	6	7
8	7	2	5	1	4	6	9	3
1	4	6	9	3	8	7	2	5
3	9	5	2	7	6	4	1	8
2	6	9	7	8	1	3	5	4
7	1	3	6	4	5	2	8	9
4	5	8	3	2	9	1	7	6

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 – 4 + 3 + 2 = 7
Medium
2 x 6 – 5 – 5 = 2
Hard
4 + 3 + 9 / 8 = 2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, Le, Let, Lent, Inlet, Enlist, Glisten.

LOOP



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Hrithik's Vedha gets thumbs up Hrithik Roshan, who on the occasion of his birthday unveiled his look from the action-thriller 'Vikram Vedha' on Monday, received praise from R Madhavan, who played Vikram in the original Tamil neo-noir thriller

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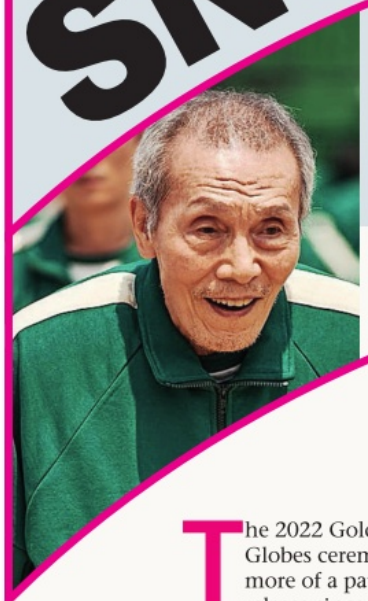
SNUBS & SURPRISES

Subdued Golden Globes still managed to pull up a few surprises



The 2022 Golden Globes ceremony was more of a pat press release since the usual long TV broadcast with an opening monologue from the likes of Ricky Gervais, followed by celeb presenters had been cancelled this year.

As per Variety, the reason for this change was a scandal that came to light last year when it was exposed how few journalists of colour are involved in the organisation, among other controversies. The 2022 Globes were not aired by any network; however, the show went on in a subdued form as a private event.

Despite the odd circumstances, the 2022 Golden Globes still had a murderer's row of heavy-hitter stars nominated, including Denzel Washington, Ben Affleck, Will Smith, Olivia Colman, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jamie Dornan and Stephen Spielberg, among others. Here's a look back at the biggest snubs and surprises from the list of 2022 Golden Globe winners.

O Yeong-Su

Korean actor O Yeong-su won the trophy for Best Supporting Actor (Television) for his role in 'Squid Game'. Although the show was an unlikely runaway hit on Netflix, O Yeong-su was up against the likes of more famous stars such as Kieran Culkin for 'Succession', Brett Goldstein for 'Ted Lasso' and Mark Duplass and Billy Crudup, both for 'The Morning Show'.

While Duplass and Crudup likely cancelled each other out, as is often the case when multiple actors get nominated from the same show, 'Ted Lasso' and 'Succession' are both critical darlings, while 'Squid Game' is trendy but new. Hence, this win was a surprise.

Jennifer Coolidge

'Succession' star Sarah Snook took home the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress (Television) because her performance as Shiv Roy was great and the win was deserved. However, 'Succession' has gotten a Season 4, and presumably more thereafter, so she'll get plenty more chances.

On the other hand, Jennifer Coolidge turned in a barn burner of a performance in 'The White Lotus', brimming with both humor and pathos as Tanya McQuoid, a somewhat delusional daughter mourning her deceased mother at a Hawaiian resort.

That show is getting a Season 2, but she won't be in it, as it will reportedly have a new cast. So, this was her chance to win, and it's also somehow her first nomination, even though she's an industry veteran with a slew of memorable roles 'Legally Blonde', 'American Pie', etc. Ignoring her for the award category was a snub.

Kieran Culkin

Both of Culkin's 'Succession' co-stars Jeremy Strong and Sarah Snook won Globes for their performances as awkward Roy brother Kendall and conniving sister Shiv, but no dice for Kulkin, as the crowd-pleasing Roman.

Michaela Jae (Mj) Rodriguez

Rodriguez won the Globe for Best Actress in a TV Drama for her role in FX's 'Pose' as house mother Blanca Rodriguez, making history as the first trans actress to win a major acting category. This was a surprise, considering the fact that she was up against Elisabeth Moss ('The Handmaid's Tale'), who seems to keep winning even though that show is beyond tired.

Andrew Garfield

Garfield won Best Actor, Motion Picture, Musical/Comedy for his performance in 'Tick, Tick... BOOM!' Although he got showered with acclaim, this win is still a surprise, since it was a crowded category.

Hee was up against Leonardo DiCaprio ('Don't Look Up'), Peter Dinklage ('Cyrano'), Cooper Hoffman ('Licorice Pizza') and Anthony Ramos ('In the Heights'). This was Garfield's third nomination but his first win.

Will Smith

Smith took home the trophy for Best Actor in a Motion Picture Drama for his performance in 'King Richard' as Richard Williams, the father of tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams. Although it was Smith's sixth nod, it was his first win.

It was predicted that he'd win, but it was still not a guarantee since this was a competitive category. He was up against Benedict Cumberbatch ('The Power of the Dog'), Denzel Washington ('The Tragedy of Macbeth'), Mahershala Ali ('Swan Song') and Javier Bardem ('Being the Ricardos').

Rachel Zegler

Zegler won a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical for her role as Maria in 'West Side Story'. She was the favorite to win, but since it's her debut role, it was far from a lock.

She was up against a slew of more established stars, including Hollywood favorites Jennifer Lawrence ('Don't Look Up'), Emma Stone ('Cruella') and Marion Cotillard (Annette'), along with Alana Haim ('Licorice Pizza').

Beyonce

Beyonce lost to Billie Eilish and that in itself was a snub. For Best Song in a Motion Picture, Eilish's 'No Time to Die' from the James Bond movie of the same title won. Beyonce was nominated for her song 'Be Alive' from 'King Richard'.

Nicole Kidman

Kidman won the Best Actress in a Motion Picture, Drama category, for her portrayal of Lucille Ball in 'Being the Ricardos.' This is a huge upset since nobody expected her to win. She was up against Jessica Chastain ('The Eyes of Tammy Faye'), Olivia Colman ('The Lost Daughter'), Lady Gaga ('House of Gucci') and Kristen Stewart ('Spencer'). Stewart was the favourite. Kidman wasn't even in the running.

"Nicole has won 5 times before. I'm sure she'll be nominated again in future. Kristen Stewart floored in Spencer. She was robbed here..." one fan tweeted.

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